



## GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

### Abstract

Forest & Wildlife Department - Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 0.012 ha of forest land for Installation of BSNL Mobile tower at Gavi, Pathanamthitta - Stage I approval - Orders Issued - reg

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### **FOREST & WILDLIFE (C) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(Rt)No.229/2022/F&WLD Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 21-05-2022

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Letter no. FC2-25/2022 dated 28.04.2022 from the Additional Read Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Nodal Officer, Thiruvananthapuram.

### ORDER

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer as per the letter read above has recommended and forwarded the proposal for diversion of 0.012 ha of forest land under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for installation of BSNL Mobile tower at Gavi, for providing mobile connectivity and internet connection to the officials, local people and tourists in Goodrical Range of Ranni Division in Pathanamthitta District. The Divisional Engineer (BSNL & TXMN) BSNL, Pathanamthitta is the User Agency. The proposed site is located in reserve forest area leased to KFDC as per order No. GO(Ms) No. 62/89/F&WLD dated 25.04.1989.

2. As per the site inspection report, the project is for installing of BSNL Mobile tower at Gavi, for providing mobile connectivity and internet connection to the officials, local people and tourists and also to the school children who depend on online classes in the remote area. The area is located in open forest coming under the jurisdiction of Pachakkanam Forest Station of Goodrical Range in Ranni Forest Division. It is an open area having no trees. The requirement of forest land by the User Agency is essential and land requested is the barest minimum required for the project. No

endangered flora/ fauna shall be affected due to diversion of the forest land. The requirement of forest land proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum. The proposal is uploaded in Union Ministry's website vide No.FP/KL/Others/151779 /2022 and all due procedures have been completed.

3. In the circumstance, Government have examined the proposal under General Approval powers of the State Government vide 4.3 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 guidelines and are pleased to accord Stage 1 (in principle) approval subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
3. Additional amount of Net Present Value of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future shall be charged by State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
5. Necessary certificates/ documents under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide letter No. 11-9/ 1998-FC(pt) dated 05.07.2013 shall be furnished before Stage-II clearance.
6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. The forest area shall be used only for the purpose for which it is granted. The total forest area utilized for this project shall not exceed 0.012 ha.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no

circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.

11. The User Agency has to sign an agreement with Divisional Forest Officer incorporating all the conditions imposed by Government of India/ Government of Kerala in this regard and lease rent as decided by the Government of Kerala may be remitted.

12. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

13. The User Agency shall apply for renewal after 30 years.

14. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

15. Violation of any of the above conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change vide F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.

(By order of the Governor)  
RAJESH KUMAR SINHA  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

To:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Head of Forest Force,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer,  
Thiruvananthapuram.

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Southern Circle), Kollam.

The Divisional Forest Officer, Ranni.

The Divisional Engineer (BSNL & TXMN) BSNL, Pathanamthitta.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E)/Audit, Thiruvananthapuram.

I&PR (Web & New Media) Department.

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Section Officer

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